

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	KNUDSON ET AL.	Patent	6,971,396
Serial No.:	10/629,145	Issued	DECEMBER 6, 2005
Filed:	JULY 29, 2003	Docket No.:	13033.4USC3
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS TO TREAT CONDITIONS OF THE NASO-PHARYNGEAL AREA		

---

NOTIFICATION OF LARGE ENTITY ASSERTION/ENTITY UPDATE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

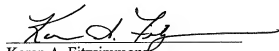
With regard to the above-identified patent, please note that Applicants are no longer claiming small entity status. Please immediately update the patent record to reflect LARGE ENTITY status.

The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed representative if any questions should arise.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Date: Oct. 15, 2009

  
Karen A. Fitzsimmons  
Reg. No. 50,470  
KAF:cjc

**23552**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE